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SUBJECT:TRADE DISPUTE: CONTINENTAL GRAIN COMPANY VS
TURKISH GOVERNMENT

REF: A) ANKARA 2870 B) ANKARA 2784 C) STATE 90256

1. THEODORE SORENSEN TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT APRIL 21 TO ASK
WHETHER WE HAD ANY NEW INFORMATION FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S
MEETING WITH MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG APRIL 13 (REF A).

2. SORENSEN SAID CONTINENTAL GRAIN NOW HAD FIRM INFORMA-
TION THAT TURKS HAD SOLD 350 THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT TO FIAT
TO SETTLE FIAT ACCOUNT. IN ADDITION, HE HAD REPORT THAT 25
THOUSAND TONS OF TURKISH WHEAT WAS BEING USED TO MEET A
GERMAN DEBT. THESE DEVELOPMENTS, ACCORDING TO SORENSEN,
SEEM TO CALL INTO QUESTION ALLEGED NEED WITHIN GOT TO RE-
SOLVE QUESTION OF WHICH AGENCY WAS RESPONSIBLE. HE ALSO EX-
PRESSED CONCERN THAT WHEAT STOCKS AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT MIGHT
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BE PUT TO USE TO SETTLE OTHER CLAIMS. IN HIS VIEW, CON-
TINENTAL GRAIN SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY OVER NON-AGRICULTURAL
CREDITORS IN USE OF TURKISH WHEAT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO
REF A. PLEASE ALSO TAKE WHATEVER FURTHER ACTION YOU FEEL
APPROPRIATE AT THIS STAGE TO HELP RESOLVE THIS MATTER. CHRISTOPHER

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